Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

JUNE 2003

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bud Hughes, K4CWG

Sherry and I just got home from a visit to Columbus, Ms., where 50 years ago we eloped and I became sole owner of this wonderful little girl.

While in Columbus we visited the courthouse (where we obtained our marriage license 50 years ago) and the service station, now a beautiful little restaurant, (where I persuaded the mechanic to come over to the courthouse and sign for my under aged bride-to-be). We also met Brian, the president of the local radio club

On our honeymoon I shrewdly convinced Sherry that she had no choice but for her to master the art of cooking. The way I went about this task was I told her that I wanted to serve her breakfast in bed. I took it upon myself to go out and fetch our first breakfast, bring it back and serve breakfast in bed. The fetching of breakfast consisted of (1) a carton of cokes, (2) a loaf of bread and (3) a can of spaghetti and meatballs. With this ingenious choice menu for this breakfast in bed I must have provided a powerful jumpstart for Sherry to learn to cook posthaste. Don't you agree that in a round about way it is I who should get the credit for Sherry becoming the wonderful cook that she is?

Hey gang the Field Day activities are just around the corner. As discussed at the club meeting Well Field No 3 just off Barna Avenue is the proposed site for FD activities this year. Plan to come out and help set up or supervise the antenna erections Saturday morning. We will have coffee and donuts waiting.

Hope you can attend the TARC club meeting Tuesday, June 24th at the Jaycees Bldg. Bring a friend.

JUNE'S PROGRAM

By Ozzie Osband, N4SCY

The speaker for this month's club meeting will be ***Gary McKinney.*** Gary is setting up a commercial radio link to the Internet at Diversified Computers on Hopkins Avenue in Titusville, and will fill us in on some of the details. A packet radio node can be co-located at this site, and will also be discussed.

Important Message from So. Florida Section Manager

Each June many of us participate in the event known as *Field Day*. We spend what is usually the fourth full rainy weekend in June with local club members and enjoy friendship, good food, mosquitoes, sunburn, and visits from Murphy. Since the event has contest rules, complete with bonus points, we often go to the information package prepared by ARRL headquarters, fill in the blanks on the press release and mail or fax it to the local newspaper in order to claim the 100 bonus points. Some groups reword or write their own release. And about 51 weeks later we do it all again. But, we need to rethink things.

Field Day is not enough. We need to promote Ham Radio throughout the year.

One of the items mentioned at the PR Committee meeting in Dayton last month was "Every ham is a PIO." There are ARRL PIOs in every county of our section. Most clubs and ARES groups have a PIO or PAO or Publicity Chair. Many of these PIOs are not PR professionals, but they have taken on a job no one else in the club wanted and they have made the effort to learn how to be more effective spokespersons for their club and Amateur Radio in general. For that, we are all thankful. Amateur Radio needs you to help these PIOs and to help Amateur Radio.

I think we all need to look for simple, easy ways to tell our story. Here's one from an OM living near me: "I eat a lot of fast food burgers and go through a lot of drive-thrus. My truck usually has at least 4 antennas on it. These young folks at the window comment about the antennas - I tell them it's ham radio, reach into my glove box and pull out an ARRL pamphlet and give it to them. Sometimes they talk to me about ham radio the next

time they see me in the drive-thru lane."

"Talk up Ham Radio." Let's banish the question, "Is that CB?"... or at least we can replace it with, "Is that CB or Ham radio?"

I'll be mailing the monthly news summary soon. I will also add a "PR Hints" area on the web at: http://www.arrl.org/sections/SFL.html.

Don't forget the NTS message to me and/or the SEC for Field Day bonus points. I will be operating from my home station during Field Day weekend and I can take your NTS messages directly. I will also be checking into several NTS nets. Also, If you hear my OM - David, W4DKB - on Field Day, pass the NTS message to him (He will even be operating CW and RTTY). 73, Sherri Brower, W4STB SM Southern Florida, ARRL PR Committee

MAY MINUTES

By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies of Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, introduction of members and guests, Bill Eppley, W4SDB played Happy Birthday and several other selections on his harmonica

♦Bud K4CWG talked about the sadness and pain of losing his brother Cuz.

♦ New members were voted into the club.

♦Bud announced that there will be a tailgate at UCF on June 16.

♦Jose KC4VIO thanked all of those who came to help with his Tower.

♦Ozzie N4SCY told the club that he will be setting up on field day at Space Coast Stadium and will demonstrate and explain ham radio to anyone who is interested. There is a game that day.

♦Clara Abell KE4YQL suggested that we go as a group to one of the games at Space Coast Stadium. Email her if you are interested in going.

♦The program portion of the meeting was used to discuss and plan field day which will be held at the same site as the last several years (off S. Barna). Look for more information about field day on the club web site.

JUNE BEARS' REPORT

By Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO

A special ***Thank You*** to all of you who participated in the State Hurricane Drill last month. Also a ***Big Thanks*** to you dedicated volunteers who helped out at the Kiwanis Disaster Preparedness Event at the Merritt Square Mall, the VOAD Disaster Showcase in Melbourne, and the CERT Drill in Melbourne. Ham radio was very well represented at these public service and awareness events. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Possible Drill on 06/20/03, after 9 am, on 147.135, St Lucie Power Plant Drill. If the folks in the county to the South want to "work" us, then we'll be ready.

Also, on the 25th, a Rocket Launch is scheduled and we'd like to hear as many Hams as possible check-in to Launch Nets in your area. Of course there will be a County Net on 147.135, 1/2 hour prior to the scheduled launch. The LISATS may have COMM Two, out on the 528 Causeway, for a publicity effort during the event. Listen for them on 147.135.

COMM One will be at the TARC Field Day location, City of Titusville Well Field, on Barna Ave. Come out and cheer for John, KE4ZPA, as he works the event from the air conditioned and mosquito free environment this COMM Vehicle provides. There will be a handful of us who will put the County EOC on the air, Class F station, for the event, so listen for K4EOC, and give the operators a workout they won't soon forget. Ozzie, N4SCY, promises to get lots of public attention from the Field Day GOTA Station he is going to set up at the Space Coast Stadium on Saturday the 28th. So if you're going to the game, be sure to stop by and give Ozzie a hand.

Now that Hurricane Season has arrived, keep your batteries charged and your fly away kits ready. Ed, KG4KVO and I will be calling the shelter communications volunteers to confirm contact information. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact either of us so we can add your names to the list.

Don't forget the BEARS Nets on Wednesdays, at both 9 am and 7 pm, 147.135.

Again, thank you for your support to Emergency Communications in Brevard County.

Stef, K4MVO, Pres., BEARS Inc. (321)-264-2492

ABELL'S ANECDOTES
By Pike Abell W4EPU

CQ CQ CQ CW...
Most everything I write here, as I am sure most of you have noticed, has absolutely nothing to do with amateur radio. After all, this is an amateur radio publication and I feel duty bound to occasionally stick to the subject and CW is a subject dear to my heart.

What actually inspired me to write this was a very enjoyable CW contact with Bob W4TAT, Bud K4CWG, and myself W4EPU on Sunday June l. Bud was operating fixed portable at their camp site, 2400 feet up, on the top of Cheaha Mountain in Northeast Alabama near Talladega. Bob and I were operating from our home QTH locations in Titusville and Mims. We got together for a little brass pounding after the Sunday morning Redeye net.

Anyway, CW has a language all its own in more ways than one. It uses Morse code to convey intelligence over the air waves. Besides that, albeit CW is relatively slow, it is a highly reliable means of communications. Although CW requires some study and concentration to learn, it is in my opinion one of the most pleasurable means of amateur radio communications and is unique to amateur radio only.

If I may dwell upon it for a moment and perhaps put in a plug for CW, it is not a dying art as some may be led to believe. Countless HAM operators, particularly in third world countries, can only operate CW because of equipment and financial limitations. So, CW is here to stay.

In CW we use many abbreviations and brevity in order to somewhat speed up the process. Take the following for example: "Thanks for the fine business schedule old man." is abbreviated on CW and would come out something like this - "tnx fer fb sked om"

Here are some other abbreviations and/or shortcuts used by CW operators: (Incidentally, CW is abbreviation for Continuous Wave.) Cul = See you later; ant = Antenna; ga = Go ahead; ge = Good evening; tt = That; hi = Laugh; nil = Nothing heard; yl = Young lady; xyl = Wife; 73 = Best regards; 73s = Very best regards; es = And (French); 88 = Love and kisses.; and 88s = Very special love and kisses
73s es 88s

Editor's note: more abbreviations

bk = back or break; gud = good; gm = good morning; u = you;

TREASURER REPORT
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beginning Bal.	$1,807.27
Deposits	2,377.68
Total Income	$4,184.95
Expenditures	1,438,73
Balance (5/31/03)	$2,746.22

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CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM at the Jaycee Building , 405 N. Singleton Ave.

Next Meeting Date: **24 June**

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Nets:
Red Eye– Sundays 6 AM – 7 AM on 7.228 MHz
Traders – Mondays at 10 AM on 146.91
Friendship – Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on 146.91
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 7 PM on 28.333
VIP – Thursdays at 10 AM on 146.91

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 179
(126 regular, 42 family,
8 honorary, 3 other)

NEW MEMBERS:

KI4ANN BOB GIFFEN
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KG4WKP MARIA GARCIA
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RENEWALS:

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JUNE'S BIRTHDAYS:

6/2 KE4WJV TERRY DAMPIER
6/4 KE4HOG NANCIE PREVATT
6/6 N2CTQ LOU GENCORELLI
6/7 K4BZJ LES WIDICK
6/8 KE4AEB JO JORDAN JR.
6/10 K4EOS CLYDE LEE
6/12 KA4VYH BILL YOUNG
6/19 KF4MUV PATTY KING
6/25 AD4PP JERRY MOSKOVITZ
6/26 KE4BBP BUBBA STITT
6/27 W4CEL WARREN MURRAY
6/29 KK4SH VINCE GONZALEZ
6/29 KF4FEZ GAIL CHYCOTA